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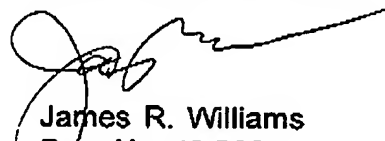
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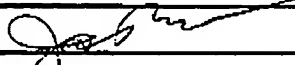
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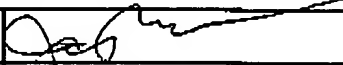
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## AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

To: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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In response to the Office Action mailed 17 December 2004, Applicants have amended the claims and submit arguments over the pending § 102(e) rejection.

Applicants request early and favorable action on claims 1-19.